Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2016

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering August 14th to 20th, 2016, there were 574,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 1,400 from July 2016 and 4,000 less than the number employed in August 2015.

Agricultural employment was 44,900 persons in August 2016, up 2,200 from the July 2016 level and 2,900 more than the August 2015 agricultural employment level of 42,000. Non-agricultural employment was 529,800 persons in August 2016. This is a decrease of 3,600 from the July 2016 non-agriculture employment level of 533,400 and 6,900 less than August 2015.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2016 was 6.8 percent. This is an increase 0.5 percentage points from the July 2016 rate of 6.3 percent and 0.8 percentage points higher than the August 2015 level of 6.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,800 to 616,600 persons in August 2016 from 614,800 persons in July 2016. This is 1,100 more than the August 2015 labour force of 615.5 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 70.8 percent in August 2016 from 70.7 percent in July 2016. The August 2015 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.3 percent.

There were 42,000 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2016. This is an increase of 3,400 from July 2016 and 5,200 more than the number unemployed in August 2015.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 569,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2016, down 400 from the July 2016 level of 569,400 and is down 4,500 from the August 2015 employment level of 573,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2016 was 6.3 percent. This is remained unchanged from the July 2016 rate of 6.3 percent and 1.5 percentage points higher than the August 2015 rate of 4.8 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 5,000 persons in August 2016 to 18,296,600 persons from 18,301,600 persons in July 2016. In August 2015, there were 18,228,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.4 percentage points in August 2016 to 7.6 percent from the July 2016 level of 7.2 percent. In August 2015, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.0 percent in August 2016. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than July 2016 and remained unchanged from the August 2015 level of 7.0.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	August 2016	July 2016	August 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,799.2	19,720.9	19,708.8	78.3	90.4
Employed ('000)	18,296.6	18,301.6	18,228.8	-5.0	67.8
Full-Time ('000)	15,198.5	15,131.3	15,255.6	67.2	-57.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,098.1	3,170.3	2,973.3	-72.2	124.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,502.6	1,419.4	1,479.9	83.2	22.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.2	7.5	0.4	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	6.9	7.0	0.1	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	66.8	66.6	67.2	0.2	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	616.6	614.8	615.5	1.8	1.1
Employed ('000)	574.7	576.1	578.7	-1.4	-4.0
Full-Time ('000)	480.5	481.2	485.8	-0.7	-5.3
Part-Time ('000)	94.2	94.9	92.9	-0.7	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	42.0	38.6	36.8	3.4	5.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.3	6.0	0.5	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.3	6.3	4.8	0.0	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.8	70.7	71.3	0.1	-0.5
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Labour Force ('000)	2,495.2	2,492.4	2,488.4	2.8	6.8
Employed ('000)	2,269.2	2,266.5	2,324.9	2.7	-55.7
Full-Time ('000)	1,885.8	1,864.5	1,991.5	21.3	-105.7
Part-Time ('000)	383.5	402.0	333.4	-18.5	50.1
Unemployed ('000)	226.0	225.9	163.5	0.1	62.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.1	9.1	6.6	0.0	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.4	8.6	6.1	-0.2	2.3
Participation Rate (%)	73.3	73.2	73.9	0.1	-0.6
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Labour Force ('000)	687.5	688.2	686.9	-0.7	0.6
Employed ('000)	637.4	640.5	638.4	-3.1	-1.0
Full-Time ('000)	527.7	530.9	528.6	-3.2	-0.9
Part-Time ('000)	109.7	109.6	109.8	0.1	-0.1
Unemployed ('000)	50.1	47.7	48.6	2.4	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	6.9	7.1	0.4	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	6.2	5.7	-0.3	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	68.8	69.5	-0.1	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2016	July 2016	August 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	616.6	614.8	615.5	1.8	1.1
Male	339.5	336.6	335.2	2.9	4.3
Female	277.2	278.2	280.3	-1.0	-3.1
15-24 Years of Age	101.6	100.7	101.8	0.9	-0.2
25+ Years of age	515.0	514.0	513.7	1.0	1.3
EMPLOYED ('000)	574.7	576.1	578.7	-1.4	-4.0
Male	317.8	315.1	316.0	2.7	1.8
Female	256.9	261.0	262.8	-4.1	-5.9
15-24 Years of Age	90.0	89.1	92.1	0.9	-2.1
25+ Years of age	484.7	487.0	486.7	-2.3	-2.0
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	42.0	38.6	36.8	3.4	5.2
Male	21.7	21.4	19.3	0.3	2.4
Female	20.2	17.2	17.5	3.0	2.7
15-24 Years of Age	11.7	11.7	8.5	0.0	3.2
25+ Years of age	30.3	27.0	23.3	3.3	7.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.8	6.3	6.0	0.5	0.8
Male	6.4	6.4	5.8	0.0	0.6
Female	7.3	6.2	6.2	1.1	1.1
15-24 Years of Age	11.5	11.6	9.6	-0.1	1.9
25+ Years of age	5.9	5.3	5.3	0.6	0.6
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.8	70.7	71.3	0.1	-0.5
Male	77.3	76.8	77.1	0.5	0.2
Female	64.2	64.5	65.5	-0.3	-1.3
15-24 Years of Age	75.4	74.7	74.6	0.7	0.8
25+ Years of age	70.0	69.9	70.7	0.1	-0.7

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	August 2016	July 2016	August 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	44.9	42.7	42.0	2.2	2.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.2	25.0	25.6	0.2	-0.4
Utilities	6.8	7.1	7.0	-0.3	-0.2
Construction	54.5	54.1	58.9	0.4	-4.4
Manufacturing	25.9	25.3	27.4	0.6	-1.5
Trade	89.7	89.5	85.7	0.2	4.0
Transportation and Warehousing	27.7	28.8	30.4	-1.1	-2.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.4	28.7	31.3	-1.3	-3.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	29.4	27.2	25.7	2.2	3.7
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.2	14.3	15.1	-1.1	-1.9
Educational Services	29.9	33.9	33.0	-4.0	-3.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	81.7	79.5	80.2	2.2	1.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.1	22.3	20.0	-0.2	2.1
Accommodation and Food Services	39.8	40.2	40.6	-0.4	-0.8
Other Services	25.6	25.8	27.0	-0.2	-1.4
Public Administration	31.0	31.8	28.8	-0.8	2.2
Total	574.7	576.1	578.7	-1.4	-4.0
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	480.5	481.2	485.8	-0.7	-5.3
Part-Time	94.2	94.9	92.9	-0.7	1.3
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	469.5	472.9	474.9	-3.4	-5.4
Public Sector	132.6	134.8	130.9	-2.2	1.7
Private Sector	336.9	338.2	344.0	-1.3	-7.1
Self-Employed	105.2	103.2	103.9	2.0	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2016	July 2016	August 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,296.6	18,301.6	18,228.8	-5.0	67.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	244.5	247.9	250.8	-3.4	-6.3
Prince Edward Island	75.9	75.9	77.2	0.0	-1.3
Nova Scotia	457.3	458.4	460.9	-1.1	-3.6
New Brunswick	366.4	367.6	363.3	-1.2	3.1
Quebec	4,184.8	4,197.5	4,158.7	-12.7	26.1
Ontario	7,069.3	7,052.1	7,038.2	17.2	31.1
Manitoba	637.4	640.5	638.4	-3.1	-1.0
Saskatchewan	574.7	576.1	578.7	-1.4	-4.0
Alberta	2,269.2	2,266.5	2,324.9	2.7	-55.7
British Columbia	2,417.0	2,419.0	2,337.7	-2.0	79.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.6	7.2	7.5	0.4	0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.7	11.1	11.0	0.6	0.7
Prince Edward Island	9.8	8.7	8.5	1.1	1.3
Nova Scotia	8.5	8.1	8.5	0.4	0.0
New Brunswick	8.7	9.6	9.8	-0.9	-1.1
Quebec	7.4	7.0	8.2	0.4	-0.8
Ontario	7.6	6.9	7.6	0.7	0.0
Manitoba	7.3	6.9	7.1	0.4	0.2
Saskatchewan	6.8	6.3	6.0	0.5	0.8
Alberta	9.1	9.1	6.6	0.0	2.5
British Columbia	6.0	5.8	6.3	0.2	-0.3

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	August 2016	July 2016	August 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,049.5	18,023.3	17,972.1	26.2	77.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	235.9	232.0	239.2	3.9	-3.3
Prince Edward Island	71.2	71.4	72.3	-0.2	-1.1
Nova Scotia	445.2	445.3	448.1	-0.1	-2.9
New Brunswick	351.6	354.6	350.7	-3.0	0.9
Quebec	4,128.7	4,106.8	4,095.1	21.9	33.6
Ontario	6,977.1	6,966.6	6,939.9	10.5	37.2
Manitoba	633.9	636.3	635.6	-2.4	-1.7
Saskatchewan	569.0	569.4	573.5	-0.4	-4.5
Alberta	2,250.9	2,248.2	2,304.3	2.7	-53.4
British Columbia	2,386.1	2,392.7	2,313.5	-6.6	72.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.0	6.9	7.0	0.1	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.3	12.8	11.7	-0.5	0.6
Prince Edward Island	12.1	9.6	10.5	2.5	1.6
Nova Scotia	8.5	8.4	8.4	0.1	0.1
New Brunswick	9.4	9.7	9.8	-0.3	-0.4
Quebec	7.1	7.0	8.0	0.1	-0.9
Ontario	6.7	6.4	6.8	0.3	-0.1
Manitoba	5.9	6.2	5.7	-0.3	0.2
Saskatchewan	6.3	6.3	4.8	0.0	1.5
Alberta	8.4	8.6	6.1	-0.2	2.3
British Columbia	5.5	5.6	6.2	-0.1	-0.7

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August 2016	July 2016	August 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.1	6.7	6.7	0.4	0.4
Halifax	5.4	5.2	5.8	0.2	-0.4
Saint John	8.3	7.5	9.3	0.8	-1.0
Quebec	4.9	4.3	4.9	0.6	0.0
Montreal	8.1	7.9	9.1	0.2	-1.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.9	6.6	7.0	0.3	-0.1
Toronto	7.2	6.8	7.5	0.4	-0.3
Greater Sudbury	8.1	8.0	7.2	0.1	0.9
Winnipeg	7.2	6.6	6.4	0.6	0.8
Regina	5.5	5.5	4.5	0.0	1.0
Saskatoon	6.6	5.9	6.1	0.7	0.5
Calgary	9.5	9.1	7.1	0.4	2.4
Edmonton	8.3	7.8	5.8	0.5	2.5
Vancouver	5.4	5.5	5.8	-0.1	-0.4
Victoria	4.7	4.5	6.0	0.2	-1.3
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	186.8	186.9	185.2	-0.1	1.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.9	53.4	53.8	-0.5	-0.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	199.4	198.3	201.6	1.1	-2.2
Yorkton-Melville	37.8	38.5	37.5	-0.7	0.3
Prince Albert & Northern	100.7	101.5	103.0	-0.8	-2.3

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August 2016	July 2016	August 2015	Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	616.1	614.9	613.1	1.2	3.0
Employed ('000)	577.8	578.7	581.4	-0.9	-3.6
Unemployed ('000)	38.3	36.2	31.8	2.1	6.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	5.9	5.2	0.3	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.9	70.8	71.1	0.1	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.5	66.6	67.4	-0.1	-0.9
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	562.1	561.3	560.9	0.8	1.2
Employed ('000)	532.1	533.2	536.3	-1.1	-4.2
Unemployed ('000)	30.0	28.1	24.6	1.9	5.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.0	4.4	0.3	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	71.4	71.3	71.5	0.1	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.6	67.7	68.4	-0.1	-0.8
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	54.0	53.6	52.2	0.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	45.7	45.5	45.0	0.2	0.7
Unemployed ('000)	8.3	8.1	7.2	0.2	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.4	15.1	13.8	0.3	1.6
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	65.8	67.4	0.1	-1.5
Employment Rate (%)	55.8	55.9	58.1	-0.1	-2.3
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Labour Force ('000)	20.6	20.6	19.5	0.0	1.1
Employed ('000)	15.7	15.5	15.1	0.2	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.9	5.1	4.4	-0.2	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	23.8	24.7	22.6	-0.9	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	57.6	58.1	59.7	-0.5	-2.1
Employment Rate (%)	43.9	43.7	46.2	0.2	-2.3
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Labour Force ('000)	33.1	32.7	32.3	0.4	0.8
Employed ('000)	29.7	29.7	29.6	0.0	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.4	3.0	2.7	0.4	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.3	9.1	8.2	1.2	2.1
Participation Rate (%)	72.5	71.9	72.8	0.6	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	65.0	65.3	66.8	-0.3	-1.8

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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